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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13, 14 and 16-18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 15 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 12, 15 and 19 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 19, as written, is identical to claim 7. It is assumed that claim 19 is to be dependent on claim 15.

With respect to claims 12 and 15: The limitation "wherein the socket is to be inserted by said seating portion of said lighting tube to electrically connect the electrode terminals" is unclear. It appears that the seating portion is inserted into the socket. Please explain.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-19 are allowed as best understood.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Prior art fails to show or suggest a lighting apparatus comprising a lighting tube having a lighting tube main body, a seating portion, electrode terminals and a connection portion cover, *a socket into which the seating portion of the lighting tube is inserted* to connect the electrode terminals and an adapter casing having a socket accommodation space wherein the adapter casing and the connecting

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portion cover are detachably connected in a hermetically sealed manner as claimed.

The patent to Chen (6,123,433) is the art closest to the instant invention but does not disclose the socket having a space "into which the socket portion is inserted".

Conclusion


The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note the patents to Troen (4,723,200) and McCoy (US 2005/0057926) as state of the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to laura tso whose telephone number is 571-272-2385. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, sandra o'shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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